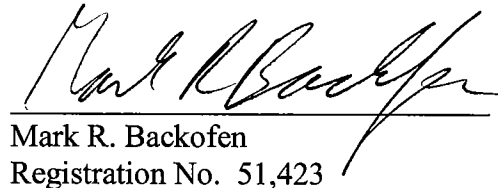


**Remarks**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that the claims are allowable over the prior art. The claims have been amended to correct the error in the numbering of the claims as indicated in the Ex parte Quayle action mailed April 7, 2006. Previously withdrawn claims 13-25 and 38-43 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application. It is respectfully asserted that the application is now in condition for issuance.

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